

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application based on the following remarks. By this amendment, claims 5-21 have been amended. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claim Numbering

Claims 3-21 as originally filed were improperly numbered as 4-22. The foregoing listing of claims reflects the correct numbering. In addition, dependent claims 5-21 have been amended to reflect the proper numbering of the claims from which they depend.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claim 1, drawn to a method of interviewing
- II. Claim 2, drawn to a tax preparation system
- III. Claim 3, drawn to e-mail control system
- IV. Claims 4-21, drawing to a record keeping system.

In response to this requirement, Applicant elects Group IV for examination. This election is made with traverse. It is assumed that the Office Action intended to refer to the claims as numbered correctly herein.

Election of Species

The Office Action further required election among species respectively defined by:

- claim 5
- claim 6
- claim 7
- claims 8, 9, 15
- claim 10
- claim 13

- claim 16
- claim 17
- claim 18

The Office Action further identified claims 1, 11, 12, 14, 19, 20 and 21 as generic. However, it is believed that this identification was erroneous at least inasmuch as claim 4 should also be identified as generic.


The species identified as claim 5 is herein elected with traverse. Claim 5 currently reads on this species.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, and in view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, s/he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted

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